



RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MAYORS

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MAYORS OF BONITA SPRINGS, CAPE CORAL, ESTERO, FORT MYERS, FORT MYERS BEACH, AND SANIBEL, SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES

WHEREAS, President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt established 5 national parks, 51 wildlife refuges, 18 national monuments and 150 national forests, which environmental conservation efforts were atypical of his Republican contemporaries and resulted in the moniker “Roosevelt Republican” to describe his unique political tenets; and

WHEREAS, the term Roosevelt Republican has largely laid dormant until being used to describe the leadership of Florida Governor Ronald “Ron” DeSantis and the commitment of President Donald J. Trump to protect water quality and restore America’s Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the America’s Everglades is recognized worldwide as a unique and invaluable landscape, with a unique and vast network of natural resources that comprises the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States ...; and

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) is described as the world’s largest ecosystem restoration effort and covers 16 counties and an over 18,000 square mile area in south Florida, of which the intent is to capture fresh water that now flows unused to the ocean and the gulf and redirect it to areas that need it most, with the majority of the water devoted to environmental restoration, thereby reviving a dying ecosystem. and

WHEREAS, when CERP was originally enacted by the U.S. Congress in 2000, it was estimated that CERP would take approximately 30 years to complete; and